

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-51 (cancelled)

52. (currently amended) A method for configuring a device that transforms a first card into another card selected from a plurality of cards, and confirming a transaction using one of the plurality of cards, the method comprising the steps of:

storing a first account identification data for a first card to a database;

storing account identification data for a second card and a third card to the database, the database associating the account identification data of the first card with the account identification data of the second and third cards;

storing the account identification data for each of the first card, the second card and the third card into a memory of the device, the memory and the device being separate from the database;

storing a transaction data to the database, the database associating the transaction data with the account identification data of one of the second and third cards; and

verifying a transaction using the transaction data.

53. (previously presented) The method of claim 52, further including the step of generating a security test, the step of storing being performed depending upon whether the security test is passed.

54. (previously presented) The method of claim 52, further including the step of generating a security test, the step of verifying being performed depending upon whether the security test is passed.

55. (previously presented) The method of claim 52, wherein the step of storing the account identification data of the second and third cards into the database includes reading the account identification data from the second and third cards using a magnetic read head.

56. (currently amended) The method of claim 52, wherein the step of storing a ~~transaction~~ the transaction data to the database includes sending the account identification data of the second and third cards to the database via at least one of a telephone network and the Internet.

57. (currently amended) The method of claim 52, wherein the step of storing the transaction data to the database includes sending the transaction data to the database via at least one of a telephone network and ~~the~~ an Internet.